



## The Interior Lakes of Voyageurs National Park

### Best Management Practices for Using Interior Lakes

- Bring a separate set of gear that is likely to contact lake water (including fishing gear) to use on the interior lakes, or before using any gear on an interior lake, make sure that all gear has been thoroughly dried for at least 5 days or washed with hot water (>140 degrees F) for at least one minute
- When leaving any lake, remove aquatic plants and animals, including gelatinous or cotton batting- like material from equipment, including fishing line

### Interim Regulations to Protect Interior Lakes from Aquatic Invasive Species and Fish Diseases

- artificial bait only (on all interior lakes only)
- no privately- owned watercraft allowed in interior lakes (the park will continue to provide canoes and row boats for rent through the Boats on Interior Lakes program and Commercial Use Authorizations on Mukooda Lake)
- no float plane landings on interior lakes

## The Large Lakes of Voyageurs National Park (Rainy, Kabetogama, Sand Point and Namakan Lakes)

### Best Management Practices for Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Exotics

- Inspect your boat, trailer, and equipment and remove visible aquatic plants, animals and mud before leaving the water access
- Drain water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells, and bait containers before leaving the water access
- Dispose of unwanted bait and other aquatic plants and animals in the trash
- Spray or rinse boats and equipment with water at least 140 degrees F for at least one minute, or dry boats and equipment for five days before moving them to a different body of water.
- For more information check out the park's website at [www.nps.gov/voya/naturescience/nonnativespecies](http://www.nps.gov/voya/naturescience/nonnativespecies) or [www.nps.gov/voya/management](http://www.nps.gov/voya/management)